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REMARKS

Claims 23-31, 33-41, 43-46, 48-55, and 57-58 remain in the application including independent claims 23, 28, 29, 37, 40, 41, 48, 51, and 57. Claims 32, 42, 47, and 56 have been cancelled.

Claims 41, 43-46, 48-50 and 58 are allowed. Claims 28-35, 37, 40, 51-55, and 57 are indicated as allowable. Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claim 28 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 29-31 are now in condition for allowance.

If claim 32 was rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, claim 32 would be essentially identical to claim 41, which has already been allowed. Thus, in order to avoid a duplicate independent claim, the dependency of 33 (originally dependent from claim 32) has been changed to 41. Thus, claims 33-35 should also be in condition for allowance.

Claim 37 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claim 37 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claim 40 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 51 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 51-55 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 57 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claim 57 is now in condition for allowance.

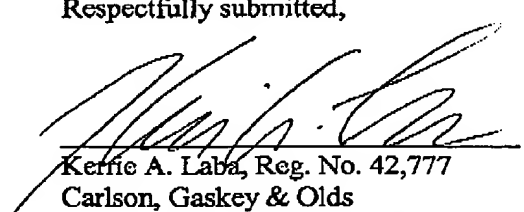
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Claims 23-27, 36, 38, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Dest. Claim 23 has been amended to clarify that the first and second longitudinal axes of rotation intersect the lateral axis of rotation. Van Dest clearly does not show this configuration. Thus, Applicant asserts that claims 23-27, 36, 38, and 39 are also now in condition for allowance.

Please note that in Item 10 of the Response to Comments section of the subject official action, the examiner recites that "applicant is reminded that the term transverse is given broadest reasonable interpretation, namely that it forms an orthogonal relationship with an element to which it is deemed transverse . . ." Applicant disagrees with this definition of "transverse." There is no requirement that a transverse element be orthogonal. Transverse simply means "acting, lying, or being across." Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, Merriam-Webster Incorporated, 1994.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. An indication of such is requested. A check is enclosed for the claim fees. Applicant believes that no additional claim fees are due, however, if additional fees are required the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.

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